



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5102

February Session, 2000

***An Act Proposing Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform
For State-Wide Constitutional Offices.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) As used in sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
2 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act:

3 (1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement
4 Commission.

5 (2) "Convention" means "convention", as defined in section 9-372 of
6 the general statutes.

7 (3) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the
8 depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate
9 committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection
10 (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes.

11 (4) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications
12 prescribed by the constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to
13 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town.

14 (5) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2
15 of this act.

16 (6) "Lobbyist" has the same meaning as "lobbyist", as defined in

17 section 1-91 of the general statutes.

18 (7) "Major party" means "major party", as defined in section 9-372 of
19 the general statutes.

20 (8) "Minor party" means "minor party" as defined in section 9-372 of
21 the general statutes.

22 (9) "Permitted expenditure amount" means the aggregate of (A) the
23 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9 of this act,
24 (B) the applicable amount of contributions that a candidate committee
25 receives from party committees in accordance with the provisions of
26 section 9-333s of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (C)
27 the amount of grants that a candidate committee receives from the
28 Citizens' Election Fund.

29 (10) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee
30 (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for
31 nomination or election on or after January 1, 2006, to a state office, and
32 (B) which is approved by the commission to receive a grant from the
33 Citizens' Election Fund under section 12 of this act.

34 (11) "State office" means the office of Governor, Lieutenant
35 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
36 Secretary of the State.

37 (12) "State office election" means the election for state offices held on
38 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every fourth
39 year in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of
40 Connecticut.

41 (13) "Associated business" has the same meaning as "business with
42 which he is associated", as defined in section 9-333a, of the general
43 statutes, as amended.

44 Sec. 2. (NEW) There is established, within the General Fund, a
45 separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the "Citizens' Election
46 Fund". The fund may contain any moneys required by law to be

47 deposited in the fund. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the
48 fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. All moneys deposited
49 in the fund shall be used for the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6
50 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act. The State Elections
51 Enforcement Commission may deduct and retain from the moneys in
52 the fund an amount equal to the costs incurred by the commission in
53 administering the provisions of said sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
54 inclusive, and 36 and 37, provided said amount shall not exceed three
55 per cent of the moneys deposited in the fund in any fiscal year. Any
56 portion of said three per cent allocation which exceeds said costs
57 incurred by the commission in any fiscal year shall continue to be
58 available for any said costs incurred by the commission in subsequent
59 fiscal years.

60 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229
61 of the general statutes for taxable years commencing on or after
62 January 1, 2000, may contribute all or part of a refund under said
63 chapter 229 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2 of
64 this act, by indicating on the tax return the amount to be contributed to
65 the fund. Subject to the limit set forth in subdivision (4) of this
66 subsection, the maximum amount of any such contribution shall be
67 five thousand dollars per calendar year, except that, in the case of a
68 husband and wife filing a joint tax return, the maximum amount of
69 any such contribution shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year.

70 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229 of the general
71 statutes for taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2000,
72 whose income tax liability for the taxable year, before applying any
73 credit under section 12-704c of the general statutes, as amended, is five
74 dollars or more, may designate that five dollars of such tax liability
75 shall be paid over to the fund by so indicating on the tax return. In the
76 case of a husband and wife filing a joint return with an income tax
77 liability of ten dollars or more, each spouse may designate that five
78 dollars of such tax liability shall be paid over to the fund by so
79 indicating on the tax return. Any designation made pursuant to this
80 subdivision shall not increase the taxpayer's income tax liability.

81 (3) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 229 of the general
82 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Citizens' Election
83 Fund established in section 2 of this act, by indicating on the tax return
84 the amount to be contributed to the fund. Subject to the limit set forth
85 in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the maximum amount of any such
86 contribution shall be five thousand dollars per calendar year, except
87 that, in the case of a husband and wife filing a joint tax return, the
88 maximum amount of any such contribution shall be ten thousand
89 dollars per calendar year. Any contribution made pursuant to this
90 subdivision shall be in addition to the amount of tax reported to be
91 due on such return and shall be paid at the same time as the tax due on
92 such return is paid and in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner
93 of Revenue Services.

94 (4) The total combined contributions that a taxpayer may make
95 under subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection shall be five thousand
96 dollars per calendar year, except that, in the case of a husband and
97 wife filing a joint tax return, the total combined contributions that such
98 husband and wife may make under subdivisions (1) and (3) of this
99 subsection shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year.

100 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall
101 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
102 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
103 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
104 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this
105 section.

106 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the income
107 tax return form to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this
108 section. Such form shall include (1) a space on the return in which
109 taxpayers may indicate their intention to make a contribution or
110 designation in accordance with this section, and (2) instructions for
111 payment of any contribution under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
112 this section. The commissioner shall include in the instructions
113 accompanying the tax return a description of the purposes for which

114 the Citizens' Election Fund was established.

115 (d) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
116 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
117 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
118 229 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
119 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing,
120 and after any deductions required by said chapter 229, is less than the
121 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
122 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
123 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
124 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall
125 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer,
126 (2) the amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the
127 difference to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and
128 the State Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with
129 said chapter 229. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of
130 the taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
131 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

132 (e) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
133 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
134 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections
135 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
136 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
137 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
138 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Citizens'
139 Election Fund.

140 (f) An amount equal to the amount contributed by a taxpayer under
141 subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section with respect to
142 the preceding taxable year of the taxpayer shall be subtracted from the
143 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the purposes of determining
144 the Connecticut adjusted gross income of the taxpayer in section 12-
145 701 of the general statutes, as amended.

146 Sec. 4. (NEW) (a) (1) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208
147 of the general statutes for taxable years commencing on or after
148 January 1, 2000, may contribute all or part of a refund under said
149 chapter 208 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2 of
150 this act, by indicating on the tax return the amount to be contributed to
151 the fund. Subject to the limit set forth in subdivision (4) of this
152 subsection, the maximum amount of any such contribution shall be ten
153 thousand dollars per calendar year.

154 (2) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208 of the general
155 statutes for taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2000,
156 whose income tax liability for the taxable year, before applying any
157 credits under chapter 208 of the general statutes, is five dollars or
158 more, may designate that two hundred dollars of such tax liability or,
159 if such tax liability is less than two hundred dollars, the full amount of
160 such tax liability, shall be paid over to the Citizens' Election Fund
161 established in section 2 of this act, by so indicating on the tax return.
162 Any designation made pursuant to this subdivision shall not increase
163 the taxpayer's income tax liability.

164 (3) Any taxpayer filing a return under chapter 208 of the general
165 statutes may contribute an additional amount to the Citizens' Election
166 Fund established in section 2 of this act, by indicating on the tax return
167 the amount to be contributed to the fund. Subject to the limit set forth
168 in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the maximum amount of any such
169 contribution shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year. Any
170 contribution made pursuant to this subdivision shall be in addition to
171 the amount of tax reported to be due on such return and shall be paid
172 at the same time as the tax due on such return is paid and in the
173 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

174 (4) The total combined contributions that a taxpayer may make
175 under subdivisions (1) and (3) of this subsection shall be ten thousand
176 dollars per calendar year.

177 (b) A contribution or designation made pursuant to this section shall

178 be irrevocable upon the filing of the return. A taxpayer making a
179 contribution or designation pursuant to this subsection shall so
180 indicate on the tax return in a manner provided for by the
181 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subsection (c) of this
182 section.

183 (c) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall revise the income
184 tax return form to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this
185 section. Such form shall include (1) a space on the return in which
186 taxpayers may indicate their intention to make a contribution or
187 designation in accordance with this section, and (2) instructions for
188 payment of any contribution under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
189 this section. The commissioner shall include in the instructions
190 accompanying the tax return a description of the purposes for which
191 the Citizens' Election Fund was established.

192 (d) A contribution of all or part of a refund shall be made in the full
193 amount indicated if the refund found due the taxpayer upon the initial
194 processing of the return, and after any deductions required by chapter
195 208 of the general statutes, is greater than or equal to the indicated
196 contribution. If the refund due, as determined upon initial processing
197 and after any deductions required by said chapter 208, is less than the
198 indicated contribution, the contribution shall be made in the full
199 amount of the refund. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
200 subtract the amount of any contribution of all or part of a refund from
201 the amount of the refund initially found due the taxpayer and shall
202 certify (1) the amount of the refund initially due the taxpayer, (2) the
203 amount of any such contribution, and (3) the amount of the difference
204 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the State
205 Treasurer for payment to the taxpayer in accordance with said chapter
206 208. For the purposes of any subsequent determination of the
207 taxpayer's net tax payment, such contribution shall be considered a
208 part of the refund paid to the taxpayer.

209 (e) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, after notification of and
210 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,

211 may deduct and retain from the moneys collected under subsections
212 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section an amount equal to the costs of
213 administering this section, but not to exceed four per cent of such
214 moneys collected in any fiscal year. The Commissioner of Revenue
215 Services shall deposit the remaining moneys collected in the Citizens'
216 Election Fund.

217 (f) An amount equal to the amount contributed by a taxpayer under
218 subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section with respect to
219 the preceding taxable year of the taxpayer shall be deducted from the
220 gross income of the taxpayer in arriving at net income as defined in
221 section 12-213 of the general statutes.

222 Sec. 5. Subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is
223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

224 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the
225 contrary, in the event of a surplus the campaign treasurer of a
226 candidate committee or of a political committee, other than a political
227 committee formed for ongoing political activities or an exploratory
228 committee shall distribute or expend such surplus [within] not later
229 than ninety days after a primary which results in the defeat of the
230 candidate, an election or referendum, in the following manner:

231 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
232 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
233 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
234 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
235 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 2 of this act or
236 distribute such surplus to any charitable organization which is a
237 tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
238 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
239 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended,
240 provided (i) no candidate committee may distribute such surplus to a
241 committee which has been established to finance future political
242 campaigns of the candidate, (ii) a candidate committee which received

243 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund shall distribute such surplus
244 to such fund, and (iii) a candidate committee formed to aid or promote
245 the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
246 Lieutenant Governor, the candidate of which campaigns jointly with a
247 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor shall
248 distribute such surplus in accordance with the provisions of section 15
249 of this act;

250 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
251 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
252 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

253 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
254 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
255 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
256 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
257 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
258 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
259 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
260 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
261 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
262 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
263 amended. [(ii) each] (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid
264 or promote the success or defeat of any referendum question, which
265 receives contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall
266 distribute its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated
267 basis of contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or
268 to any organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the
269 Internal Revenue Code;

270 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
271 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
272 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
273 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
274 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
275 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to

276 any organization; and

277 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
278 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
279 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
280 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
281 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
282 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
283 any equipment purchased, including, but not limited to, computer
284 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
285 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
286 (A).

287 (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter to the contrary,
288 the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a candidate who
289 has withdrawn from a primary or election may, prior to the primary or
290 election, distribute its surplus to any organization which is tax-exempt
291 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
292 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
293 as from time to time amended, or return such surplus to all
294 contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution.

295 (3) [Within] Not later than seven days after such distribution or
296 [within] not later than seven days after all funds have been expended
297 in accordance with subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of this
298 subsection, the campaign treasurer shall file a supplemental statement,
299 sworn under penalty of false statement, with the proper authority,
300 identifying all further contributions received since the previous
301 statement and explaining how any surplus has been distributed or
302 expended in accordance with this section. No surplus may be
303 distributed or expended until after the election, primary or
304 referendum.

305 (4) In the event of a deficit the campaign treasurer shall file a
306 supplemental statement ninety days after the election, primary or
307 referendum with the proper authority and, thereafter, on the seventh

308 day of each month following if on the last day of the previous month
309 there was an increase or decrease in the deficit in excess of five
310 hundred dollars from that reported on the last statement filed. The
311 campaign treasurer shall file such supplemental statements as required
312 until the deficit is eliminated. If any such committee does not have a
313 surplus or a deficit, the statement required to be filed [within] not later
314 than forty-five days following any election or referendum or [within]
315 not later than thirty days following any primary shall be the last
316 required statement.

317 Sec. 6. (NEW) All payments of civil penalties or late fees imposed by
318 the State Elections Enforcement Commission or the Secretary of the
319 State under title 9 of the general statutes, which are received after the
320 effective date of this section, shall be immediately transmitted to the
321 State Treasurer for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in
322 section 2 of this act.

323 Sec. 7. (NEW) Any person, business entity, organization, party
324 committee or political committee, as defined in section 9-333a of the
325 general statutes, as amended, may contribute to the Citizens' Election
326 Fund. Any such contribution shall be made by check or money order.
327 The commission shall immediately transmit all contributions received
328 pursuant to this section to the State Treasurer for deposit in the
329 Citizens' Election Fund.

330 Sec. 8. (NEW) There is established a Citizens' Election Program
331 under which the candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or
332 election to a state office may receive grants from the Citizens' Election
333 Fund for the candidate's campaign for such office. Any such candidate
334 is eligible to receive such grants if (1) the candidate's candidate
335 committee receives the required amount of qualifying contributions
336 described in section 9 of this act, (2) the candidate's candidate
337 committee returns all contributions that are not qualifying
338 contributions as described in section 9 of this act, (3) the candidate's
339 exploratory committee, if any, returns all contributions that do not
340 meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to a candidate committee

341 as described in section 9 of this act, (4) the candidate agrees to limit
342 campaign expenditures to not more than the aggregate of (A) the
343 amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9 of this act,
344 (B) the applicable amount of contributions that the candidate
345 committee receives from party committees in accordance with the
346 provisions of section 9-333s of the general statutes, as amended by this
347 act, and (C) the amount of such grant or grants, and (5) the candidate
348 complies with the requirements of section 12 of this act.

349 Sec. 9. (NEW) (a) The amount of qualifying contributions which the
350 candidate committee of a candidate needs to receive in order to be
351 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

352 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
353 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount
354 of five hundred thousand dollars, of which four hundred fifty
355 thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the
356 state, provided (A) the candidate committee shall return the portion of
357 any contribution or contributions from an individual other than such
358 candidate that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and such excess
359 portion shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
360 contributions received by an exploratory committee that meet the
361 criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this
362 section shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

363 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
364 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
365 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
366 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
367 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
368 individuals residing in the state, provided (A) the candidate committee
369 shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from an
370 individual other than such candidate that exceeds one hundred fifty
371 dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating
372 such amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory
373 committee that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to

374 candidate committees under this section shall be considered in
375 calculating such amounts.

376 (b) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
377 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
378 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include with
379 the contribution a certification that (1) neither the individual nor the
380 individual's spouse is a lobbyist, and (2) neither the individual, the
381 individual's spouse nor an associated business of the individual or the
382 individual's spouse has a contract with the state. A contribution from
383 (A) a lobbyist or the spouse of a lobbyist, or (B) an individual who has
384 a contract with the state, said individual's spouse or an individual
385 whose associated business or spouse's associated business has a
386 contract with the state shall not be deemed to be a qualifying
387 contribution under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned
388 by the candidate committee.

389 (c) Each individual who makes a contribution to a candidate
390 committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating
391 candidate for nomination or election to a state office shall include the
392 individual's name and address with the contribution. A contribution
393 (1) from an individual that does not include such information, or (2)
394 from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of the
395 applicable limit on contributions from nonresidents in subsection (a) of
396 this section, shall not be deemed to be a qualifying contribution under
397 said subsection (a) and shall be returned by the candidate committee.

398 Sec. 10. (NEW) (a) Except as provided in sections 17 and 18 of this
399 act, the total amount of grants from the Citizens Election Fund which a
400 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Governor
401 shall be eligible to receive for the entire campaign for nomination and
402 election to such office shall be calculated by multiplying the total
403 number of electors in the state by one dollar seventy-five cents. Not
404 later than November fifteenth in the second year preceding the year of
405 a state office election, the Secretary of the State shall determine the
406 total number of electors in the state in accordance with the most recent

407 records on file in the office of the Secretary of the State pursuant to
408 subsection (a) of section 9-65 of the general statutes and transmit said
409 number to the commission.

410 (b) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
411 party candidate for the office of Governor, who does not have a
412 primary for nomination to such office, shall be eligible to receive a
413 grant for each portion of the campaign in the following percentage
414 amounts of the total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this
415 section: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention, twenty
416 per cent; (2) convention vote, five per cent; and (3) general election,
417 seventy-five per cent.

418 (c) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
419 party candidate for the office of Governor, who has a primary for
420 nomination to such office, shall be eligible to receive a grant for each
421 portion of the campaign in the following percentage amounts of the
422 total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this section: (1) Selection
423 and support of delegates to a convention, twenty per cent; (2)
424 convention vote, five per cent; (3) primary for nomination, twenty-five
425 per cent; and (4) general election, fifty per cent. In addition, such
426 candidate shall receive a supplemental grant for the general election
427 campaign equal to ten per cent of the total amount calculated in
428 subsection (a) of this section.

429 (d) The qualified candidate committee of a petitioning party
430 candidate for the office of Governor shall be eligible to receive a grant
431 for each portion of the campaign in the following percentage amounts
432 of the total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this section: (1)
433 Petitioning for ballot access, thirty-five per cent; and (2) general
434 election, sixty-five per cent.

435 (e) Not later than January 15, 2007, and annually thereafter, the
436 commission shall compute an increase in the monetary amount that is
437 required to be included in the calculation under subsection (a) of this
438 section. The percentage of such increase shall equal the percentage

439 increase in the average of the bulk mail rates of the United States
440 Postal Service during the preceding calendar year.

441 Sec. 11. (NEW) (a) The total amount of grants from the Citizens'
442 Election Fund which a qualified candidate committee of a candidate
443 for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
444 Secretary of the State shall be eligible to receive for the entire campaign
445 for nomination and election to such office shall be calculated by
446 multiplying the total number of electors in the state by twenty-two
447 cents. Not later than November fifteenth in the second year preceding
448 the year of a state office election, the Secretary of the State shall
449 determine the total number of electors in the state in accordance with
450 the most recent records on file in the office of the Secretary of the State
451 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 9-65 of the general statutes and
452 transmit said number to the commission.

453 (b) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
454 party candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
455 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, who does not have a primary
456 for nomination to such office, shall be eligible to receive a grant for
457 each portion of the campaign in the following percentage amounts of
458 the total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this section: (1)
459 Selection and support of delegates to a convention, twenty per cent; (2)
460 convention vote, five per cent; and (3) general election, seventy-five
461 per cent.

462 (c) The qualified candidate committee of a major party or minor
463 party candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
464 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, who has a primary for
465 nomination to such office, shall be eligible to receive a grant for each
466 portion of the campaign in the following percentage amounts of the
467 total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this section: (1) Selection
468 and support of delegates to a convention, twenty per cent; (2)
469 convention vote, five per cent; (3) primary for nomination, twenty-five
470 per cent; and (4) general election, fifty per cent. In addition, such
471 candidate shall receive a supplemental grant for the general election

472 campaign equal to ten per cent of the total amount calculated in
473 subsection (a) of this section.

474 (d) The qualified candidate committee of a petitioning party
475 candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
476 Treasurer or Secretary of the State shall be eligible to receive a grant for
477 each portion of the campaign in the following percentage amounts of
478 the total amount calculated in subsection (a) of this section: (1)
479 Petitioning for ballot access, thirty-five per cent; and (2) general
480 election, sixty-five per cent.

481 (e) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
482 Lieutenant Governor shall be eligible to receive grants from the
483 Citizens' Election Fund for the selection and support of delegates to a
484 convention, convention vote, primary for nomination and petitioning
485 for ballot access, in the same amounts as the grants for such campaigns
486 for qualified candidate committees of candidates for the offices of
487 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer and Secretary of
488 the State. The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
489 office of Lieutenant Governor shall not receive a grant for the general
490 election campaign.

491 (f) Not later than January 15, 2007, and annually thereafter, the
492 commission shall compute an increase in the monetary amount that is
493 required to be included in the calculation under subsection (a) of this
494 section. The percentage of such increase shall equal the percentage
495 increase in the average of the bulk mail rates of the United States
496 Postal Service during the preceding calendar year.

497 Sec. 12. (NEW) (a) A candidate whose candidate committee has not
498 received moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund may apply to the
499 State Elections Enforcement Commission for moneys from the fund for
500 one of the following campaigns, during the applicable period: (1) A
501 campaign for the selection and support of delegates to a convention,
502 after January first in the year in which the election is being held for the
503 office that the candidate is seeking; (2) a petitioning campaign for

504 ballot access, after January first in the year in which the election is
505 being held for the office that the candidate is seeking; (3) a campaign
506 for the convention vote, the sixty-day period before the scheduled
507 convening of the convention; (4) a primary campaign, after the close of
508 the state convention of the candidate's party that is called for the
509 purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the
510 candidate is seeking, if said party endorses the candidate for the office
511 that the candidate is seeking or the candidate receives at least fifteen
512 per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on
513 any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement
514 of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking; or (5) a general
515 election campaign, (A) after the close of the state convention of the
516 candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates
517 for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if (i) said
518 party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate is
519 seeking and no other candidate of said party either receives at least
520 fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and
521 voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
522 endorsement of a candidate for said office or files a certificate of
523 candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
524 provisions of section 9-400 of the general statutes, or (ii) the candidate
525 receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates
526 present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or
527 proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is
528 seeking and no other candidate for such office at such convention
529 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
530 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
531 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
532 of the general statutes or a certificate of candidacy with the Secretary
533 of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400 of the
534 general statutes, (B) after any primary held by such party for
535 nomination for such office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the
536 candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of
537 section 9-440 of the general statutes, or (C) in the case of a petitioning
538 party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such

539 candidate's nominating petition pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-
540 453o of the general statutes.

541 (b) The application shall include a written certification that:

542 (1) The candidate committee has received the required amount of
543 qualifying contributions;

544 (2) The candidate committee has repaid all moneys borrowed on
545 behalf of the campaign, as required by subsection (b) of section 16 of
546 this act;

547 (3) The candidate committee has returned the portion of any
548 contribution or contributions from an individual that exceeds (A) two
549 hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate committee is established to aid
550 or promote the success of a candidate for nomination or election to the
551 office of Governor, or (B) one hundred fifty dollars, if the candidate
552 committee is established to aid or promote the success of a candidate
553 for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor,
554 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of
555 the State;

556 (4) The candidate committee has returned all contributions which
557 make the committee's aggregate amount of contributions received total
558 more than the amount of qualifying contributions;

559 (5) The candidate committee has returned any contribution received
560 from (A) a lobbyist or the spouse of a lobbyist, (B) an individual who
561 has a contract with the state, said individual's spouse, or an individual
562 whose associated business or spouse's associated business has a
563 contract with the state, or (C) a political committee;

564 (6) The candidate committee has returned any contribution from an
565 individual who (A) does not include the individual's name and
566 address with the contribution, or (B) does not reside in the state, if said
567 contribution is in excess of the applicable limit on contributions from
568 nonresidents in subsection (a) of section 9 of this act;

569 (7) The candidate's exploratory committee, if any, has returned all
570 contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions
571 to a candidate committee as described in section 9 of this act;

572 (8) The candidate committee shall refuse to accept any additional
573 contributions, except for contributions from party committees in
574 accordance with the provisions of section 9-333s of the general statutes,
575 as amended by this act;

576 (9) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall comply
577 with the provisions of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and
578 36 and 37 of this act;

579 (10) All moneys received from the fund shall be deposited upon
580 receipt into the depository account of the candidate committee;

581 (11) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee shall
582 expend all moneys received from the fund in accordance with the
583 provisions of subsection (g) of section 9-333i of the general statutes;

584 (12) All individuals making qualifying contributions to the
585 candidate committee of the candidate have made the certifications
586 required in subsection (b) of section 9 of this act and the candidate has
587 no knowledge that any such certification is false;

588 (13) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of the
589 candidate has, and will continue to, file in electronic form all financial
590 disclosure statements required by section 9-333j of the general statutes.
591 The form of such electronic filing shall comply with the provisions of
592 section 9-348ee of the general statutes;

593 (14) If the candidate withdraws from the campaign, becomes
594 ineligible or dies during the campaign, the candidate committee of the
595 candidate shall return to the commission, for deposit in the fund, all
596 moneys received from the fund pursuant to sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6
597 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act which said candidate
598 committee has not spent as of the date of such occurrence; and

599 (15) In the case of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor,
600 that such candidate is not deemed to be aiding or promoting the
601 success of the campaign for Lieutenant Governor and the success of a
602 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor jointly as
603 described in subsection (a) of section 15 of this act.

604 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a cumulative itemized
605 accounting of all funds received, expenditures made and expenses
606 incurred but not yet paid by the candidate committee as of three days
607 before the date that the application is signed. Such accounting shall be
608 sworn to under penalty of false statement by the campaign treasurer of
609 the candidate committee. The commission shall prescribe the form of
610 the application and the cumulative itemized accounting, after
611 consulting with the Secretary of the State. The form for such
612 accounting shall conform to the requirements of section 9-333j of the
613 general statutes. Both the candidate and the campaign treasurer of the
614 candidate committee shall sign the application. The application shall
615 also be accompanied by a bond, with surety, in the amount which the
616 applicant candidate is eligible to receive initially from the fund. The
617 commission shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
618 of chapter 54 of the general statutes, implementing such requirement
619 of a bond.

620 (d) Not later than five business days following receipt of any such
621 application, the commission shall review the application, determine
622 whether the candidate committee for the applicant (1) has received the
623 required qualifying contributions, and (2) in the case of an application
624 for moneys from the fund for a primary or general election campaign,
625 the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of
626 this section for applying for such moneys and, if so, determine the
627 amount of moneys payable to the candidate committee from the fund
628 and notify the State Comptroller and the candidate of such candidate
629 committee, of such amount. Not later than three business days
630 following notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall
631 draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of such amount to
632 the qualified candidate committee from the fund.

633 Sec. 13. (NEW) (a) Following the initial deposit of moneys from the
634 fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee,
635 no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any
636 other moneys received by the candidate or the campaign treasurer on
637 behalf of the committee shall be deposited into said depository
638 account, except (1) grants from the fund, (2) contributions from party
639 committees in accordance with the provisions of section 9-333s of the
640 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (3) any additional
641 moneys from the fund as provided in sections 17 and 18 of this act.

642 (b) A qualified candidate committee for a candidate for nomination
643 or election to a state office, which receives moneys from the fund, shall
644 not make expenditures or incur expenses in excess of the applicable
645 permitted expenditure amount.

646 Sec. 14. (NEW) (a) A qualified candidate committee that received
647 moneys from the Citizens' Elections Fund for the selection and support
648 of delegates to a convention or for the convention vote and whose
649 candidate is endorsed for nomination to the office that the candidate is
650 seeking at the party's state convention shall receive moneys from the
651 fund for a primary campaign if one or more other candidates for such
652 nomination receive at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
653 convention delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on
654 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said
655 office. Upon the close of the convention and determining that such
656 conditions have been met, the State Elections Enforcement
657 Commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount due said
658 candidate. Not later than three business days following notification by
659 the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
660 Treasurer for payment of a primary campaign grant to the qualified
661 candidate committee from the fund. If no primary is held for such
662 nomination, any unspent moneys from such primary campaign grant
663 shall be returned to the commission and deposited in the fund or used
664 by the candidate committee to reduce the amount of the general
665 election campaign grant.

666 (b) A qualified candidate committee that received moneys from the
667 Citizens' Elections Fund for the selection and support of delegates to a
668 convention or for the convention vote and whose candidate receives at
669 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present
670 and voting on any roll call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
671 endorsement of a candidate for said office shall receive moneys from
672 the fund for a primary campaign if (1) another candidate is endorsed
673 for nomination to the office that the candidate is seeking at the party's
674 state convention, or (2) one or more other candidates for such
675 nomination receive at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
676 convention delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on
677 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said
678 office. Upon the close of the convention and determining that such
679 conditions have been met, the State Elections Enforcement
680 Commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount due said
681 candidate. Not later than three business days following notification by
682 the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
683 Treasurer for payment of a primary campaign grant to the qualified
684 candidate committee from the fund. If no primary is held for such
685 nomination, any unspent moneys from such primary campaign grant
686 shall be returned to the commission and deposited in the fund or used
687 by the candidate committee to reduce the amount of the general
688 election campaign grant.

689 (c) If a scheduled primary is cancelled pursuant to section 9-429 of
690 the general statutes, a qualified candidate committee which received
691 moneys from the fund for a primary and whose candidate is deemed
692 to have been lawfully nominated pursuant to said section 9-429 shall
693 receive moneys from the fund for a general election campaign. Upon
694 receiving verification from the Secretary of the State that a scheduled
695 primary has not been held and that the candidate of a qualified
696 candidate committee has been deemed to have been lawfully
697 nominated in accordance with the provisions of said section 9-429, the
698 commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount payable
699 to said qualified candidate committee and the State Comptroller shall

700 draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of the general
701 election campaign grant to said committee from the fund, provided the
702 amount of such general election grant shall be reduced by the amount
703 of the primary campaign grant which said candidate committee has
704 not spent as of the date of cancellation of the primary.

705 (d) A qualified candidate committee that received moneys from the
706 Citizens' Elections Fund for the selection and support of delegates to a
707 convention or for the convention vote shall receive moneys from the
708 fund for a general election campaign if the candidate who established
709 such committee (1) is endorsed for nomination to the office that the
710 candidate is seeking at the party's state convention and no other
711 candidate receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
712 convention delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on
713 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said
714 office, or (2) receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
715 convention delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on
716 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said
717 office and no other candidate is (A) endorsed for nomination to the
718 office that the candidate is seeking at the party's state convention, or
719 (B) receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention
720 delegates present and voting on any roll call vote taken on the
721 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for said office.
722 Upon the close of the convention and determining that such conditions
723 have been met, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall
724 notify the State Comptroller of the amount due said candidate. Not
725 later than three business days following notification by the
726 commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
727 Treasurer for payment of a general election campaign grant to the
728 qualified candidate committee from the fund.

729 (e) A qualified candidate committee which received moneys from
730 the fund for a primary campaign and whose candidate is the party
731 nominee shall receive moneys from the fund for a general election
732 campaign. Upon receiving verification from the Secretary of the State
733 of the declaration by the Secretary of the State in accordance with the

734 provisions of section 9-440 of the general statutes, of the results of the
735 votes cast at the primary, the commission shall notify the State
736 Comptroller of the amount payable to such qualified candidate
737 committee. Not later than three business days following notification by
738 the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
739 Treasurer for payment of the general election campaign grant to said
740 committee from said fund.

741 (f) A qualified candidate committee which received moneys from
742 the fund for a petition campaign for ballot access and whose
743 candidate's nominating petition has been approved by the Secretary of
744 the State pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-453o of the general
745 statutes shall receive moneys from the fund for a general election
746 campaign. Upon receiving notification from the Secretary of the State
747 of such approval, the commission shall notify the State Comptroller of
748 the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee. Not later
749 than three business days following notification by the commission, the
750 State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for
751 payment of the general election campaign grant to said committee
752 from said fund.

753 (g) Not later than twenty-four hours after any event under this
754 section which entitles a candidate to receive moneys from the fund for
755 a primary campaign or a general election campaign, the Secretary of
756 the State shall notify the commission of such event.

757 Sec. 15. (NEW) (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made
758 for purposes of the permitted expenditure amount to aid or promote
759 the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to the office
760 of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
761 Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered expenditures made to
762 aid or promote the success of a candidate for nomination or election to
763 the office of Governor. The party-endorsed candidate for nomination
764 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor and the party-endorsed
765 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor shall be
766 deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of both candidates

767 jointly upon the earliest of the following: (1) The primary, whether
768 held for the office of Governor, the office of Lieutenant Governor, or
769 both; (2) if no primary is held for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
770 Governor, the convention; or (3) a declaration by the party-endorsed
771 candidates that they shall campaign jointly. Any other candidate for
772 nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be
773 deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of such candidacy for
774 the office of Lieutenant Governor and the success of a candidate for
775 nomination or election to the office of Governor jointly upon a
776 declaration by the candidates that they shall campaign jointly.

777 (b) The candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success
778 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
779 Governor, the candidate of which campaigns jointly with a candidate
780 for nomination or election to the office of Governor, shall be dissolved
781 as of the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not
782 later than fifteen days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
783 (a) of this section, the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee
784 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
785 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement
786 with the proper authority under section 9-333e of the general statutes,
787 as amended by this act, identifying all contributions received or
788 expenditures made by the committee since the previous statement and
789 the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not later than thirty
790 days after the applicable date set forth in subsection (a) of this section,
791 (1) the campaign treasurer of a qualified candidate committee formed
792 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
793 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
794 surplus to the fund, and (2) the campaign treasurer of a nonqualified
795 candidate committee formed to aid or promote the success of said
796 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
797 Governor shall return such surplus to all contributors on a prorated
798 basis of contribution or distribute such surplus to any charitable
799 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
800 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent

801 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time
802 to time amended.

803 Sec. 16. (NEW) (a) A qualified candidate committee may borrow
804 moneys on behalf of a campaign for the selection and support of
805 delegates to a convention, a primary or a general election from one or
806 more financial institutions, as defined in section 36a-41 of the general
807 statutes, in an aggregate amount not to exceed one thousand dollars.
808 The amount borrowed shall not constitute a qualifying contribution.
809 No individual, political committee or party committee, except the
810 candidate or, in a general election, the state central committee of a
811 political party, shall endorse or guarantee such a loan in an aggregate
812 amount in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. An endorsement or
813 guarantee of such a loan shall constitute a contribution by such
814 individual or committee for so long as the loan is outstanding. The
815 amount endorsed or guaranteed by such individual or committee shall
816 cease to constitute a contribution upon repayment of the amount
817 endorsed or guaranteed.

818 (b) All such loans shall be repaid in full prior to the date a candidate
819 committee applies for the moneys from the fund pursuant to section 12
820 of this act. The candidate shall certify to the commission that such
821 loans were repaid. A candidate who fails to repay such loans or fails to
822 certify such repayment to the commission shall not be eligible to
823 receive and shall not receive moneys from the fund.

824 Sec. 17. (NEW) (a) (1) A qualified candidate committee which
825 receives moneys from the fund pursuant to section 12 of this act and
826 makes expenditures in excess of the permitted expenditure amount (A)
827 shall repay to the fund the amount of expenditures in excess of the
828 applicable permitted expenditure amount, and (B) shall not receive
829 any additional moneys from the fund for the remainder of the election
830 cycle.

831 (2) In addition, a candidate of a qualified candidate committee
832 which receives moneys from the fund pursuant to section 12 of this act

833 and makes expenditures that, with the intent of said candidate, exceed
834 the applicable permitted expenditure amount by more than one per
835 cent shall (A) be liable to the fund for the amount of such excess
836 expenditures, and (B) be guilty of a class D felony.

837 (b) Additional moneys from the fund shall be paid to a qualified
838 candidate committee which received moneys from the fund if the
839 committee of an opposing candidate makes expenditures in excess of
840 the applicable permitted expenditure amount. Such additional moneys
841 from the fund shall be paid to a qualified candidate committee which
842 received moneys from the fund (1) regardless of whether the candidate
843 committee which makes expenditures in excess of the applicable
844 permitted expenditure amount has received moneys from the fund, (2)
845 in an amount equal to the greatest amount of expenditures in excess of
846 the applicable permitted expenditure amount which the committee of
847 an opposing candidate has made expenditures, but not more than one
848 hundred per cent of the amount of moneys which the qualified
849 candidate committee has received from the fund, and (3) immediately
850 following the commission's verification that the committee of an
851 opposing candidate has made expenditures in excess of the applicable
852 permitted expenditure amount. In the case of the candidate committee
853 of a nonparticipating candidate making such excess expenditures,
854 additional moneys shall not be paid to a qualified candidate committee
855 under this subsection until the general election campaign. No qualified
856 candidate committee which expends moneys in excess of the permitted
857 expenditure amount shall receive additional moneys from the fund
858 pursuant to this subsection.

859 (c) If a nonparticipating candidate makes or incurs the obligation to
860 make an excess expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a
861 convention, primary or election, the candidate shall file a declaration of
862 excess expenditures not later than forty-eight hours after making or
863 incurring the expenditure. If a nonparticipating candidate makes or
864 incurs the obligation to make an excess expenditure twenty days or
865 less before the day of a convention, primary or election, the candidate
866 shall file a declaration of excess expenditures not later than twenty-

867 four hours after making or incurring the expenditure. The commission
868 may determine whether any expenditure by a nonparticipating
869 candidate shall be deemed an excess expenditure.

870 Sec. 18. (NEW) (a) Any person who makes or obligates to make an
871 independent expenditure, as defined in section 9-333a of the general
872 statutes, as amended, intended to promote the success or defeat of a
873 candidate for nomination or election to a state office, which exceeds
874 five hundred dollars, in the aggregate, during the period for the
875 selection and support of delegates to a convention, a primary
876 campaign period or an election campaign period, shall file a report of
877 such independent expenditure to the State Elections Enforcement
878 Commission. If the person makes or obligates to make such
879 independent expenditure more than twenty days before the day of a
880 convention, primary or election, the person shall file such report not
881 later than forty-eight hours after such payment or obligation. If the
882 person makes or obligates to make such independent expenditure
883 twenty days or less before the day of a convention, primary or election,
884 the person shall file such report not later than twenty-four hours after
885 such payment or obligation. The report shall be filed under penalty of
886 false statement.

887 (b) The independent expenditure report shall include a statement (1)
888 identifying the candidate for whom the independent expenditure is
889 intended to promote the success or defeat, (2) affirming that the
890 expenditure is totally independent and involves no cooperation or
891 coordination with or direction from a candidate or a political party,
892 and (3) affirming that the individual making the expenditure has not
893 served or does not serve as treasurer, deputy treasurer or chairperson
894 of the candidate committee during the same election cycle.

895 (c) Any person may file a complaint with the commission upon the
896 belief that (1) any such independent expenditure report or statement is
897 false, or (2) any person who is required to file an independent
898 expenditure report under subsection (a) of this section has failed to do
899 so. The commission shall make a prompt determination on such a

900 complaint.

901 (d) Upon the receipt of a report that such an independent
902 expenditure has been made or obligated to be made, the commission
903 shall immediately notify the State Comptroller that additional money,
904 equal to the amount of the independent expenditure, shall be paid to
905 the qualifying candidate committees of each participating candidate
906 whom the independent expenditure is intended to oppose or defeat.
907 Not later than three business days following notification by the
908 commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
909 Treasurer for payment of such amount to each such qualified
910 candidate committee from the fund. The provisions of this subsection
911 shall be subject to the following:

912 (1) The maximum aggregate amount of funding that the qualified
913 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall receive to
914 match the independent expenditures made or obligated to be made on
915 behalf of an opposing participating candidate shall not be greater than
916 one hundred per cent of the total moneys that said candidate
917 committee has received from the fund.

918 (2) The maximum aggregate amount of funding that the qualified
919 candidate committee of a participating candidate shall receive to
920 match the independent expenditures and the excess expenditures of a
921 nonparticipating candidate shall not be greater than two hundred per
922 cent of the total moneys that said candidate committee has received
923 from the fund.

924 (3) Such additional funding shall be granted to the qualified
925 candidate committee of a participating candidate opposed by a
926 nonparticipating candidate only if the nonparticipating candidate's
927 campaign expenditures, combined with the amount of the
928 independent expenditures, exceed the applicable permitted
929 expenditure amount for the participating candidate, during the general
930 election campaign.

931 Sec. 19. (NEW) On the second Tuesday in July in any year in which

932 a state office election is held, and on each subsequent Tuesday until
933 and including the fourth Tuesday in October in such year, the
934 campaign treasurer of each candidate committee organized to aid or
935 promote the success of a candidate for nomination or election to a state
936 office at such election shall file with the Secretary of the State and the
937 commission a statement, sworn under penalty of false statement, of
938 itemized receipts and expenditures for the preceding seven calendar
939 days. If a campaign treasurer fails to file any statement required by this
940 section (1) within the time required, or (2) with both the Secretary of
941 the State and the commission, such campaign treasurer shall be subject
942 to a civil penalty imposed by the commission, of not more than one
943 thousand dollars for each such failure under subdivision (1) or (2) of
944 this section.

945 Sec. 20. (NEW) The Secretary of the State shall provide in electronic
946 format, free of charge, to each committee which receives moneys from
947 the Citizens' Elections Fund pursuant to section 12 of this act, a copy of
948 the centralized computer list of registered voters in the state
949 established pursuant to the plan authorized under section 1 of special
950 act 91-45.

951 Sec. 21. (NEW) (a) Not later than March first in the year before any
952 year in which a state office election is to be held, the commission shall
953 determine whether the amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to
954 carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive,
955 and 36 and 37 of this act, based on the information available to the
956 commission at such time. If the commission determines at such time
957 that the amount of moneys in the fund is not sufficient to carry out
958 such purposes, the commission shall immediately issue a report. The
959 General Assembly may authorize alternative sources of funding
960 sufficient to carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
961 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act.

962 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state office
963 election is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the
964 amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of

965 sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act. If
966 the commission determines that such amount is not sufficient to carry
967 out such purposes, the commission shall, not later than three days after
968 such later determination, (1) determine the percentage of the fund's
969 obligations that can be met for such election, (2) recalculate the amount
970 of each payment that a qualified candidate committee is entitled to
971 receive under section 10 or 11 of this act by multiplying such
972 percentage by the amount that the committee would have been
973 entitled to receive under section 10 or 11 of this act if there were a
974 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each applicant
975 for moneys from the fund of such insufficiency, percentage and
976 applicable recalculation. After a qualified candidate committee first
977 receives any such recalculated payment, the committee may resume
978 accepting contributions and making expenditures from such
979 contributions, provided no qualified candidate committee which
980 receives such recalculated payments from the fund shall accept
981 contributions in excess of the amount of moneys which the committee
982 was entitled to receive from the fund but did not receive from the
983 fund. The commission shall also issue a report on said determination.
984 The General Assembly may authorize alternative sources of funding
985 sufficient to carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
986 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act. If the commission issues such
987 determination at a time when the General Assembly is not in session,
988 the commission shall notify the president pro tempore of the Senate
989 and the speaker of the House of Representatives who may call a
990 special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with section 2-7
991 of the general statutes, to consider authorizing such alternative sources
992 of funding.

993 (c) The commission shall establish a reserve account in the fund. The
994 first twenty-five thousand dollars deposited in the fund during any
995 year shall be placed in said account. The commission shall use moneys
996 in the reserve account only during the seven days preceding an
997 election for payments to candidates (1) whose payments were reduced
998 under subsection (b) of this section, or (2) who are entitled to funding

999 to match independent expenditures pursuant to section 18 of this act
1000 during said seven-day period.

1001 Sec. 22. (NEW) A candidate of a candidate committee which
1002 receives moneys from the Citizens' Elections Fund may expend
1003 personal moneys in an aggregate amount not exceeding one thousand
1004 dollars to aid or promote the success of such candidate's campaign for
1005 nomination or election to a state office. Any such expenditure shall be
1006 made and reported in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-333i
1007 and 9-333j of the general statutes and shall be considered a qualifying
1008 contribution for the purposes of section 9 of this act.

1009 Sec. 23. Section 9-333a of the general statutes, as amended by section
1010 1 of public act 99-12, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1011 thereof:

1012 As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
1013 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act:

1014 (1) "Committee" means a party committee, political committee or a
1015 candidate committee organized, as the case may be, for a single
1016 primary, election or referendum, or for ongoing political activities, to
1017 aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any one or
1018 more candidates for public office or the position of convention
1019 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question.

1020 (2) "Party committee" means a state central committee or a town
1021 committee. "Party committee" does not mean a party-affiliated or
1022 district, ward or borough committee which receives all of its funds
1023 from the state central committee of its party or from a single town
1024 committee with the same party affiliation. Any such committee so
1025 funded shall be construed to be a part of its state central or town
1026 committee for purposes of this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6
1027 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act.

1028 (3) "Political committee" means (A) a committee organized by a
1029 business entity or organization, (B) persons other than individuals, or

1030 two or more individuals organized or acting jointly conducting their
1031 activities in or outside the state, (C) a committee established by a
1032 candidate to determine the particular public office to which [he] such
1033 candidate shall seek nomination or election, and referred to in this
1034 chapter as an exploratory committee, or (D) a committee established by
1035 or on behalf of a slate of candidates in a primary for the position of
1036 convention delegate, but does not mean a candidate committee or a
1037 party committee.

1038 (4) "Candidate committee" means any committee designated by a
1039 single candidate, or established with the consent, authorization or
1040 cooperation of a candidate, for the purpose of a single primary or
1041 election and to aid or promote [his] such candidate's candidacy alone
1042 for a particular public office or the position of town committee
1043 member, but does not mean a political committee or a party
1044 committee.

1045 (5) "National committee" means the organization which according to
1046 the bylaws of a political party is responsible for the day-to-day
1047 operation of the party at the national level.

1048 (6) "Organization" means all labor organizations, (A) as defined in
1049 the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as from
1050 time to time amended, or (B) as defined in subdivision (9) of section
1051 31-101, employee organizations as defined in subsection (d) of section
1052 5-270 and subdivision (6) of section 7-467, bargaining representative
1053 organizations for teachers, any local, state or national organization, to
1054 which a labor organization pays membership or per capita fees, based
1055 upon its affiliation or membership, and trade or professional
1056 associations which receive their funds exclusively from membership
1057 dues, whether organized in or outside of this state, but does not mean
1058 a candidate committee, party committee or a political committee.

1059 (7) "Business entity" means the following, whether organized in or
1060 outside of this state: Stock corporations, banks, insurance companies,
1061 business associations, bankers associations, insurance associations,

1062 trade or professional associations which receive funds from
1063 membership dues and other sources, partnerships, joint ventures,
1064 private foundations, as defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue
1065 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
1066 of the United States, as from time to time amended; trusts or estates;
1067 corporations organized under sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive,
1068 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, and
1069 chapters 594 to 597, inclusive; cooperatives, and any other association,
1070 organization or entity which is engaged in the operation of a business
1071 or profit-making activity; but does not include professional service
1072 corporations organized under chapter 594a and owned by a single
1073 individual, nonstock corporations which are not engaged in business
1074 or profit-making activity, organizations, as defined in subdivision (6)
1075 of this section, candidate committees, party committees and political
1076 committees as defined in this section. For purposes of this chapter,
1077 corporations which are component members of a controlled group of
1078 corporations, as those terms are defined in Section 1563 of the Internal
1079 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1080 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall
1081 be deemed to be one corporation.

1082 (8) "Individual" means a human being, a sole proprietorship, or a
1083 professional service corporation organized under chapter 594a and
1084 owned by a single human being.

1085 (9) "Person" means an individual, committee, firm, partnership,
1086 organization, association, syndicate, company trust, corporation,
1087 limited liability company or any other legal entity of any kind but does
1088 not mean the state or any political or administrative subdivision of the
1089 state.

1090 (10) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination for
1091 election or election to public office whether or not such individual is
1092 elected, and for the purposes of this chapter and sections 1 to 4,
1093 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act an individual
1094 shall be deemed to seek nomination for election or election if [he] such

1095 individual has (A) been endorsed by a party or become eligible for a
1096 position on the ballot at an election or primary, or (B) solicited or
1097 received contributions or made expenditures or given [his] such
1098 individual's consent to any other person to solicit or receive
1099 contributions or make expenditures with the intent to bring about [his]
1100 such individual's nomination for election or election to any such office.
1101 "Candidate" also means a slate of candidates which is to appear on the
1102 ballot in a primary for the position of convention delegate. For the
1103 purposes of sections 9-333 to 9-333l, inclusive, as amended by this act,
1104 and section 9-333w, "candidate" also means an individual who is a
1105 candidate in a primary for town committee members.

1106 (11) "Campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed by a
1107 candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a party committee or a
1108 political committee to receive and disburse funds on behalf of the
1109 candidate or committee.

1110 (12) "Deputy campaign treasurer" means the individual appointed
1111 by the candidate or by the [chairman] chairperson of a committee to
1112 serve in the capacity of the campaign treasurer if the campaign
1113 treasurer is unable to perform [his] the campaign treasurer's duties.

1114 (13) "Solicitor" means an individual appointed by a campaign
1115 treasurer of a committee to receive, but not to disburse, funds on
1116 behalf of the committee.

1117 (14) "Referendum question" means a question to be voted upon at
1118 any election or referendum, including a proposed constitutional
1119 amendment.

1120 (15) "Lobbyist" means a lobbyist as defined in subsection (l) of
1121 section 1-91.

1122 (16) "Business with which he is associated" means any business in
1123 which the contributor is a director, officer, owner, limited or general
1124 partner or holder of stock constituting five per cent or more of the total
1125 outstanding stock of any class. Officer refers only to the president,

1126 executive or senior vice-president or treasurer of such business.

1127 (17) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that is made
1128 without the consent, knowing participation, or consultation of, a
1129 candidate or agent of the candidate committee. "Independent
1130 expenditure" does not include an expenditure (A) if there is any
1131 coordination or direction with respect to the expenditure between the
1132 candidate or the treasurer, deputy treasurer or [chairman] chairperson
1133 of [his] such candidate committee and the person making the
1134 expenditure, or (B) if, during the same election cycle, the individual
1135 making the expenditure serves or has served as the treasurer, deputy
1136 treasurer or [chairman] chairperson of the candidate committee.

1137 (18) "Federal account" means a depository account that is subject to
1138 the disclosure and contribution limits provided under the Federal
1139 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended from time to time.

1140 (19) "Public funds" means funds belonging to, or under the control
1141 of, the state or a political subdivision of the state.

1142 Sec. 24. Section 9-333b of the general statutes, as amended by public
1143 act 99-264, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1144 (a) As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
1145 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, "contribution" means:

1146 (1) Any gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of
1147 money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the
1148 nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of
1149 aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question
1150 or on behalf of any political party;

1151 (2) A written contract, promise or agreement to make a contribution
1152 for any such purpose;

1153 (3) The payment by any person, other than a candidate or campaign
1154 treasurer, of compensation for the personal services of any other
1155 person which are rendered without charge to a committee or candidate

1156 for any such purpose;

1157 (4) An expenditure when made by a person with the cooperation of,
1158 or in consultation with, any candidate, candidate committee or
1159 candidate's agent or which is made in concert with, or at the request or
1160 suggestion of, any candidate, candidate committee or candidate's
1161 agent; or

1162 (5) Funds received by a committee which are transferred from
1163 another committee or other source for any such purpose.

1164 (b) As used in this chapter and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
1165 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, "contribution" does not mean:

1166 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
1167 national or state bank;

1168 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
1169 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
1170 administrative personnel, or their families;

1171 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
1172 by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
1173 owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their
1174 families;

1175 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering
1176 their time;

1177 (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations,
1178 food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a
1179 candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in
1180 rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related
1181 activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative
1182 value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual
1183 on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars
1184 with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central
1185 and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any

1186 calendar year;

1187 (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or
1188 for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge
1189 is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative
1190 value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does
1191 not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election,
1192 and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed
1193 four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1194 (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an
1195 individual who on [his] said individual's own behalf volunteers [his]
1196 said individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent
1197 the cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with
1198 respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town
1199 committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;

1200 (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an
1201 individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other
1202 distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to
1203 any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing
1204 the names of three or more candidates;

1205 (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual
1206 to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction,
1207 or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to
1208 the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not
1209 exceed fifty dollars;

1210 (10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the
1211 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the
1212 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty
1213 dollars from any single candidate or [his] committee of any single
1214 candidate with respect to any single election campaign or two hundred
1215 fifty dollars from any single party committee or other political
1216 committee in any calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or
1217 fifty dollars for purchases by any other person, except that the

1218 purchase of advertising space described in this subdivision shall be
1219 deemed to be a contribution for the purposes of sections 1 to 4,
1220 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act;

1221 (11) The payment of money by a candidate to [his] said candidate's
1222 candidate committee;

1223 (12) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a
1224 committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to
1225 the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one
1226 hundred dollars;

1227 (13) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a
1228 telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications
1229 service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to
1230 the individual; or

1231 (14) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial
1232 support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television
1233 company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access
1234 programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major
1235 purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to
1236 influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such
1237 facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a
1238 political party.

1239 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 9-333e of the general statutes is
1240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1241 (a) Statements filed by party committees, political committees
1242 formed to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum
1243 question proposing a constitutional convention, constitutional
1244 amendment or revision of the constitution, individual lobbyists, and
1245 those political committees and candidate committees formed to aid or
1246 promote the success or defeat of any candidate for the office of
1247 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1248 Comptroller, Attorney General, sheriff, judge of probate and members

1249 of the General Assembly, shall be filed with the office of the Secretary
1250 of the State. A copy of each statement filed by a candidate committee
1251 formed to aid or promote the success of any candidate for the office of
1252 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1253 State Comptroller or Attorney General shall be filed at the same time
1254 with the commission. A copy of each statement filed by a town
1255 committee shall be filed at the same time with the town clerk of the
1256 municipality in which the committee is situated. A political committee
1257 formed for a slate of candidates in a primary for the position of
1258 convention delegate shall file statements with both the Secretary of the
1259 State and the town clerk of the municipality in which the primary is to
1260 be held.

1261 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 9-333m of the general statutes is
1262 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1263 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for
1264 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a
1265 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's
1266 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign
1267 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of [two thousand
1268 five hundred] one thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor,
1269 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1270 General, in excess of [one thousand five hundred] seven hundred fifty
1271 dollars; (3) sheriff or chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,
1272 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in
1273 excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or any other
1274 office of a municipality not [previously] specifically included in this
1275 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. [The] Except for
1276 contributions to, or for the benefit of, a candidate's campaign for the
1277 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State
1278 Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, the limits imposed
1279 by this subsection shall be applied separately to primaries and
1280 elections.

1281 Sec. 27. Section 9-333n of the general statutes is repealed and the

1282 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1283 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
1284 one calendar year in excess of five thousand dollars to the state central
1285 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
1286 to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a town
1287 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
1288 pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a
1289 political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely
1290 to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an
1291 exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an
1292 organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its
1293 authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate
1294 of candidates in a primary for the position of delegate to the same
1295 convention. No individual who makes a contribution to a party
1296 committee may direct such committee to contribute or expend any
1297 portion of such contribution to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's
1298 campaign for nomination or election to a state office, as defined in
1299 section 1 of this act.

1300 (b) No individual shall make a contribution to a political committee
1301 established by an organization which receives its funds from the
1302 organization's treasury. With respect to a political committee
1303 established by an organization which has complied with the provisions
1304 of subsection (b) or (c) of section 9-333p, and has elected to receive
1305 contributions, no individual other than a member of the organization
1306 may make contributions to the committee, in which case the individual
1307 may contribute not more than five hundred dollars in any one calendar
1308 year to such committee or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
1309 to its authorization or request.

1310 (c) In no event may any individual make contributions to a
1311 candidate committee and a political committee formed solely to
1312 support one candidate other than an exploratory committee or for the
1313 benefit of a candidate committee and a political committee formed
1314 solely to support one candidate pursuant to the authorization or

1315 request of any such committee, in an amount which in the aggregate is
1316 in excess of the maximum amount which may be contributed to the
1317 candidate.

1318 (d) Any individual may make unlimited contributions or
1319 expenditures to aid or promote the success or defeat of any
1320 referendum question, provided any individual who makes an
1321 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to
1322 promote the success or defeat of any referendum question shall file
1323 statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as
1324 is required of a campaign treasurer of a political committee under
1325 section 9-333j.

1326 (e) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any candidate,
1327 agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited expenditures to
1328 promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election,
1329 or nomination at a primary, to any office or position. [, provided any]
1330 Except for an individual who is subject to the provisions of subsection
1331 (a) of section 18 of this act, any individual who makes an independent
1332 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to
1333 promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election,
1334 or nomination at a primary, to any such office or position shall file
1335 statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as
1336 [is] required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under
1337 section 9-333j.

1338 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means legal
1339 services, investment banking services, investment advisory services,
1340 underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm
1341 services. No individual who is an owner of a firm which provides
1342 investment services and to which the State Treasurer pays
1343 compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract, and no individual
1344 who is employed by such a firm as a manager, officer, director, partner
1345 or employee with managerial or discretionary responsibilities to
1346 invest, manage funds or provide investment services for brokerage,
1347 underwriting and financial advisory activities which are in the

1348 statutory and constitutional purview of the State Treasurer, shall make
1349 a contribution on or after October 1, 1995, to, or solicit contributions on
1350 or after said date on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate
1351 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the
1352 office of State Treasurer during the term of office of the State Treasurer
1353 which pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract to such
1354 firm.

1355 Sec. 28. Subsection (d) of section 9-333o of the general statutes is
1356 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1357 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not
1358 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any
1359 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's
1360 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [five]
1361 one thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1362 State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of
1363 [three thousand] seven hundred fifty dollars; (3) sheriff, in excess of
1364 two thousand dollars; (4) state senator, probate judge or chief
1365 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
1366 dollars; (5) state representative, in excess of five hundred dollars; [or]
1367 (6) any other office of a municipality not included in subdivision (4) of
1368 this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or (7) an
1369 exploratory committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. [The]
1370 Except for contributions to, or for the benefit of, a candidate's
1371 campaign for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
1372 the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, the
1373 limits imposed by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries
1374 and elections, and contributions by any such committee to candidates
1375 designated in this subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand
1376 dollars in the aggregate for any single election and primary
1377 preliminary thereto. Contributions to such committees shall also be
1378 subject to the provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in
1379 the case of committees formed for ongoing political activity or section
1380 9-333u, as amended by this act, in the case of committees formed for a
1381 single election or primary.

1382 Sec. 29. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the
1383 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1384 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall
1385 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1386 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
1387 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [two thousand five hundred] one
1388 thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State
1389 Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of [one
1390 thousand five hundred] seven hundred fifty dollars; (3) sheriff or chief
1391 executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand
1392 dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of five hundred
1393 dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a municipality
1394 not [previously] specifically included in this subsection, in excess of
1395 two hundred fifty dollars.

1396 (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to,
1397 or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of two
1398 hundred fifty dollars. Any such committee may make unlimited
1399 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote
1400 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

1401 (c) [The] Except for contributions to, or for the benefit of, a
1402 candidate's campaign for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1403 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1404 General, the limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply
1405 separately to primaries and elections. [and no] No such committee
1406 shall make contributions to the candidates designated in this section
1407 which in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single
1408 election and primary preliminary thereto.

1409 (d) No political committee established by an organization shall
1410 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)
1411 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five
1412 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand
1413 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory

1414 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success
1415 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

1416 (e) No political committee established by an organization shall make
1417 contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of this
1418 section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any
1419 one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee established
1420 by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of section
1421 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for
1422 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u, as amended by this act, in
1423 the case of a committee formed for a single election or primary.

1424 Sec. 30. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the
1425 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1426 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for
1427 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) a
1428 candidate committee other than a candidate committee established to
1429 aid or promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a
1430 primary or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1431 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney
1432 General; (3) a national committee of a political party; (4) a committee of
1433 a candidate for federal or out-of-state office; or (5) a political
1434 committee.

1435 (b) (1) No state central committee shall make a contribution in
1436 excess of (A) fifty thousand dollars to a candidate committee
1437 established to aid or promote the success of one candidate for
1438 nomination at a primary or election to the office of Governor, and (B)
1439 ten thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or
1440 promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or
1441 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1442 State Treasurer, State Comptroller or Attorney General.

1443 (2) No town committee shall make a contribution in excess of (A)
1444 one thousand dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or
1445 promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a primary or

1446 election to the office of Governor, and (B) five hundred dollars to a
1447 candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of one
1448 candidate for nomination at a primary or election to the office of
1449 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1450 Comptroller or Attorney General.

1451 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately
1452 to primaries and elections.

1453 (c) (1) No candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or
1454 election to the office of Governor shall receive more than (A) fifty
1455 thousand dollars, in total, from state central committees, and (B)
1456 seventy-five thousand dollars, in total, from town committees.

1457 (2) No candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or
1458 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
1459 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State shall receive
1460 more than (A) ten thousand dollars, in total, from state central
1461 committees, and (B) twenty thousand dollars, in total, from town
1462 committees.

1463 (3) The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately
1464 to primaries and elections.

1465 (d) A party committee may also make contributions to a charitable
1466 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
1467 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended,
1468 or make memorial contributions.

1469 [(b)] (e) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal
1470 account of a national committee of a political party, but may not
1471 receive contributions from any other account of a national committee
1472 of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
1473 out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the
1474 provisions of this chapter.

1475 Sec. 31. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the

1476 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1477 (a) No political committee organized for ongoing political activities
1478 shall make contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's
1479 campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the office of:
1480 (1) Governor, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (2) Lieutenant
1481 Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller or
1482 Attorney General, in excess of seven hundred fifty dollars. The limits
1483 imposed by this subsection shall not apply separately to primaries and
1484 elections.

1485 [(a)] (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political
1486 activities may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a
1487 party committee; any national committee of a political party; a
1488 candidate committee other than a candidate committee established to
1489 aid or promote the success of one candidate for nomination at a
1490 primary or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1491 Attorney General, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer or State
1492 Comptroller; or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state
1493 office. No such political committee shall make a contribution or
1494 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to another political
1495 committee in any calendar year except that a political committee
1496 organized by a business entity may make unlimited contributions to,
1497 or for the benefit of, another political committee organized by a
1498 business entity. No political committee organized for ongoing political
1499 activities shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty
1500 dollars to an exploratory committee. If such an ongoing committee is
1501 established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
1502 shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-333o to 9-333q,
1503 inclusive, as amended by this act. A political committee organized for
1504 ongoing political activities may make contributions to a charitable
1505 organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section
1506 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended,
1507 or make memorial contributions.

1508 [(b)] (c) A political committee organized for ongoing political

1509 activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a
1510 national committee of a political party, but may not receive
1511 contributions from any other account of a national committee of a
1512 political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or
1513 out-of-state office.

1514 Sec. 32. Section 9-333u of the general statutes is repealed and the
1515 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1516 (a) No political committee established for a single primary or
1517 election shall make contributions to, or for the benefit of, any
1518 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the
1519 office of: (1) Governor, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (2)
1520 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State
1521 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of seven hundred fifty
1522 dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall not apply
1523 separately to primaries and elections.

1524 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) A political committee established for a single primary or
1525 election may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a
1526 party committee or a candidate committee other than a candidate
1527 committee established to aid or promote the success of one candidate
1528 for nomination at a primary or election to the office of Governor,
1529 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the State, State
1530 Treasurer or State Comptroller, but no such political committee shall
1531 make contributions to a national committee, or a committee of a
1532 candidate for federal or out-of-state office. If such a political committee
1533 is established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions
1534 shall also be subject to the limitations imposed by sections 9-333o to
1535 9-333q, inclusive, as amended by this act. No political committee
1536 formed for a single election or primary shall, with respect to such
1537 election or primary make a contribution or contributions in excess of
1538 two thousand dollars to another political committee, provided no such
1539 political committee shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred
1540 fifty dollars to an exploratory committee.

1541 [(b)] (c) A political committee established for a single primary or
1542 election shall not receive contributions from a committee of a
1543 candidate for federal or out-of-state office or from a national
1544 committee.

1545 Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 9-333y of the general statutes is
1546 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1547 (b) If any campaign treasurer or lobbyist fails to file the statements
1548 required by section 9-333j or subsection (g) of section 9-333l, as the case
1549 may be, within the time required, [he] the campaign treasurer or
1550 lobbyist shall pay a late filing fee of fifty-five dollars. In the case of a
1551 statement that is required to be filed with the Secretary of the State, the
1552 secretary shall, within ten days after the filing deadline, notify by
1553 certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required to file that,
1554 if such statement is not filed within twenty-one days after the deadline,
1555 the person is in violation of said section or subsection. If the person
1556 does not file such statement within twenty-one days after the deadline,
1557 the secretary shall notify the State Elections Enforcement Commission
1558 within twenty-eight days after the deadline. In the case of a copy of a
1559 statement that is required to be filed with the State Elections
1560 Enforcement Commission, the commission shall, not later than ten
1561 days after the filing deadline, notify by certified mail, return receipt
1562 requested, the person required to file that if such statement is not filed
1563 within twenty-one days after the deadline the person is in violation of
1564 section 9-333j. In the case of a statement that is required to be filed with
1565 a town clerk, the town clerk shall forthwith after the filing deadline
1566 notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the person required
1567 to file that, if such statement is not filed within seven days after
1568 receiving such notice, the town clerk shall notify the State Elections
1569 Enforcement Commission that the person is in violation of said section
1570 or subsection. The penalty for any violation of said section or
1571 subsection shall be a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or
1572 imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

1573 Sec. 34. Section 9-7b of the general statutes is repealed and the

1574 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1575 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall have the
1576 following duties and powers:

1577 (1) To make investigations on its own initiative or with respect to
1578 statements filed with the commission by the Secretary of the State or
1579 any town clerk, or upon written complaint under oath by any
1580 individual, with respect to alleged violations of any provision of the
1581 general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36
1582 and 37 of this act, relating to any election or referendum, any primary
1583 held pursuant to section 9-423, 9-424, 9-425 or 9-464 or any primary
1584 held pursuant to a special act, and to hold hearings when the
1585 commission deems necessary to investigate violations of any
1586 provisions of the general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22,
1587 inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, relating to any such election,
1588 primary or referendum, and for the purpose of such hearings the
1589 commission may administer oaths, examine witnesses and receive oral
1590 and documentary evidence, and shall have the power to subpoena
1591 witnesses under procedural rules the commission shall adopt, to
1592 compel their attendance and to require the production for examination
1593 of any books and papers which the commission deems relevant to any
1594 matter under investigation or in question. In connection with its
1595 investigation of any alleged violation of any provision of chapter 145,
1596 or of any provision of section 9-359 or section 9-359a, the commission
1597 shall also have the power to subpoena any municipal clerk and to
1598 require the production for examination of any absentee ballot, inner
1599 and outer envelope from which any such ballot has been removed,
1600 depository envelope containing any such ballot or inner or outer
1601 envelope as provided in sections 9-150a and 9-150b and any other
1602 record, form or document as provided in section 9-150b, in connection
1603 with the election, primary or referendum to which the investigation
1604 relates. In case of a refusal to comply with any subpoena issued
1605 pursuant to this subsection or to testify with respect to any matter
1606 upon which that person may be lawfully interrogated, the superior
1607 court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of the

1608 commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with
1609 such subpoena and to testify; failure to obey any such order of the
1610 court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. In any
1611 matter under investigation which concerns the operation or inspection
1612 of or outcome recorded on any voting machine, the commission may
1613 issue an order to the municipal clerk to impound such machine until
1614 the investigation is completed;

1615 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
1616 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
1617 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
1618 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, section
1619 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to
1620 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43,
1621 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436,
1622 9-436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k, [or] 9-453o or sections 1 to 4,
1623 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, or (B) two
1624 thousand dollars per offense or twice the amount of any improper
1625 payment or contribution, whichever is greater, against any person the
1626 commission finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 150.
1627 The commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under
1628 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision only after giving the
1629 person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
1630 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of
1631 failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection
1632 [within] not later than thirty days of written notice sent by certified or
1633 registered mail to such person, the superior court for the judicial
1634 district of Hartford, on application of the commission, may issue an
1635 order requiring such person to pay the penalty imposed and such
1636 court costs, sheriff's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the
1637 commission as the court may determine;

1638 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds
1639 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by
1640 any of the provisions of chapter 150, after an opportunity to be heard
1641 at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections

1642 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or payment to
1643 the donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or payment to the
1644 state for deposit in the General Fund, whichever is deemed necessary
1645 to effectuate the purposes of chapter 150;

1646 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
1647 violation of any provision of chapter 150 has been committed, after an
1648 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1649 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one or
1650 more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a campaign treasurer,
1651 deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor; or (ii) prohibition on serving as
1652 a campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or solicitor, for a
1653 period not to exceed four years;

1654 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be
1655 appointed or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or
1656 unofficial checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an
1657 election, primary or referendum, when the commission finds such
1658 person has intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes
1659 relating to the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an
1660 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
1661 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1662 (4) To issue an order to a candidate committee which receives
1663 moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to sections 1 to 4,
1664 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, to comply with
1665 the provisions of said sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and
1666 36 and 37, after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
1667 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

1668 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
1669 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any campaign treasurer or
1670 principal campaign treasurer, as required by chapter 150 and sections 1
1671 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, and to audit
1672 any such election, primary or referendum held within the state;
1673 provided, it shall not audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of

1674 section 9-372;

1675 ~~[(5)] (6)~~ To attempt to secure voluntary compliance, [by informal
1676 methods of conference, conciliation and persuasion,] with any
1677 provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any other provision of
1678 the general statutes relating to any such election, primary or
1679 referendum by informal methods of conference, conciliation and
1680 persuasion;

1681 ~~[(6)] (7)~~ To consult with the Secretary of the State, the Chief State's
1682 Attorney or the Attorney General on any matter which the commission
1683 deems appropriate;

1684 ~~[(7)] (8)~~ To refer to the Chief State's Attorney evidence bearing upon
1685 violation of any provision of chapters 149 to 153, inclusive, or any
1686 other provision of the general statutes or sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to
1687 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, pertaining to or relating to any
1688 such election, primary or referendum;

1689 ~~[(8)] (9)~~ To refer to the Attorney General evidence for injunctive
1690 relief and any other ancillary equitable relief in the circumstances of
1691 subdivision ~~[(7)] (8)~~ of this [section] subsection. Nothing in this
1692 subdivision shall preclude a person who claims that [he] such person is
1693 aggrieved by a violation of any provision of chapter 152 or any other
1694 provision of the general statutes relating to referenda from pursuing
1695 injunctive and any other ancillary equitable relief directly from the
1696 Superior Court by the filing of a complaint;

1697 ~~[(9)] (10)~~ To refer to the Attorney General evidence pertaining to any
1698 ruling which the commission finds to be in error made by election
1699 officials in connection with any election, primary or referendum. Those
1700 remedies and procedures available to parties claiming to be aggrieved
1701 under the provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, as amended by this act,
1702 9-328 and 9-329a shall apply to any complaint brought by the Attorney
1703 General as a result of the provisions of this subdivision;

1704 ~~[(10)] (11)~~ To consult with the United States Department of Justice

1705 and the United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation
1706 pertaining to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of
1707 section 9-17 or section 9-19b, 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, 9-21, 9-23a,
1708 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b,
1709 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59 and to refer to said
1710 department and attorney evidence bearing upon any such violation for
1711 prosecution under the provisions of the National Voter Registration
1712 Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time;

1713 [(11)] (12) To inspect reports filed with the Secretary of the State and
1714 with town clerks pursuant to chapter 150 and refer to the Chief State's
1715 Attorney evidence bearing upon any violation of law therein if such
1716 violation was committed knowingly and wilfully;

1717 [(12)] (13) To intervene in any action brought pursuant to the
1718 provisions of sections 9-323, 9-324, as amended by this act, 9-328 and
1719 9-329a upon application to the court in which such action is brought
1720 when in the opinion of the court it is necessary to preserve evidence of
1721 possible criminal violation of the election laws;

1722 [(13)] (14) To adopt and publish regulations pursuant to chapter 54
1723 to carry out the provisions of section 9-7a, this section, sections 1 to 4,
1724 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, and chapter 150;
1725 to issue upon request and publish advisory opinions in the
1726 Connecticut Law Journal upon the requirements of chapter 150 and
1727 sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act,
1728 and to make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning
1729 suggested revisions of the election laws;

1730 [(14)] (15) To the extent that the Elections Enforcement Commission
1731 is involved in the investigation of alleged or suspected criminal
1732 violations of any provision of the general statutes or sections 1 to 4,
1733 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, pertaining to or
1734 relating to any such election, primary or referendum and is engaged in
1735 such investigation for the purpose of presenting evidence to the Chief
1736 State's Attorney, the Elections Enforcement Commission shall be

1737 deemed a law enforcement agency for purposes of subdivision (3) of
1738 subsection (b) of section 1-210, provided nothing in this section shall be
1739 construed to exempt the Elections Enforcement Commission in any
1740 other respect from the requirements of the Freedom of Information
1741 Act, as defined in section 1-200;

1742 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) To enter into such contractual agreements as may be
1743 necessary for the discharge of its duties, within the limits of its
1744 appropriated funds and in accordance with established procedures;
1745 and

1746 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) To provide the Secretary of the State with notice and
1747 copies of all decisions rendered by the commission in contested cases,
1748 advisory opinions and declaratory judgments, at the time such
1749 decisions, judgments and opinions are made or issued.

1750 (b) In the case of a refusal to comply with an order of the
1751 commission issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this
1752 section, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, on
1753 application of the commission, may issue a further order to comply.
1754 Failure to obey such further order may be punished by the court as a
1755 contempt thereof.

1756 Sec. 35. Section 9-324 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1757 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

1758 Any elector or candidate who claims that ~~[he]~~ such elector or
1759 candidate is aggrieved by any ruling of any election official in
1760 connection with any election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
1761 Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State
1762 Comptroller, sheriff or judge of probate, held in ~~[his]~~ such elector or
1763 candidate's town, or that there has been a mistake in the count of the
1764 votes cast at such election for candidates for said offices or any of
1765 them, at any voting district in ~~[his]~~ such elector or candidate's town, or
1766 any candidate for such an office who claims that ~~[he]~~ such candidate is
1767 aggrieved by a violation of any provision of ~~[sections]~~ section 9-355,
1768 9-357 to 9-361, inclusive, 9-364, 9-364a or 9-365 in the casting of

1769 absentee ballots at such election or any candidate for the office of
1770 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer,
1771 Attorney General or State Comptroller, who claims that such candidate
1772 is aggrieved by a violation of any provision of sections 1 to 4, inclusive,
1773 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act, may bring [his] such elector
1774 or candidate's complaint to any judge of the Superior Court, in which
1775 [he] such elector or candidate shall set out the claimed errors of such
1776 election official, the claimed errors in the count or the claimed
1777 violations of said sections. In any action brought pursuant to the
1778 provisions of this section, the complainant shall send a copy of the
1779 complaint by first-class mail, or deliver a copy of the complaint by
1780 hand, to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such
1781 complaint is made prior to such election, such judge shall proceed
1782 expeditiously to render judgment on the complaint and shall cause
1783 notice of the hearing to be given to the Secretary of the State and the
1784 State Elections Enforcement Commission. If such complaint is made
1785 subsequent to the election, it shall be brought [within] not later than
1786 fourteen days of the election and such judge shall forthwith order a
1787 hearing to be had upon such complaint, upon a day not more than five
1788 nor less than three days from the making of such order, and shall cause
1789 notice of not less than three nor more than five days to be given to any
1790 candidate or candidates whose election may be affected by the decision
1791 upon such hearing, to such election official, the Secretary of the State,
1792 the State Elections Enforcement Commission and to any other party or
1793 parties whom such judge deems proper parties thereto, of the time and
1794 place for the hearing upon such complaint. Such judge shall, on the
1795 day fixed for such hearing and without unnecessary delay, proceed to
1796 hear the parties. If sufficient reason is shown, [he] such judge may
1797 order any voting machines to be unlocked or any ballot boxes to be
1798 opened and a recount of the votes cast, including absentee ballots, to
1799 be made. Such judge shall thereupon, in case [he] such judge finds any
1800 error in the rulings of the election official, any mistake in the count of
1801 the votes or any violation of said sections, certify the result of [his]
1802 such judge's finding or decision to the Secretary of the State before the
1803 fifteenth day of the next succeeding December. Such judge may order a

1804 new election or a change in the existing election schedule. Such
1805 certificate of such judge of [his] such judge's finding or decision shall
1806 be final and conclusive upon all questions relating to errors in the
1807 rulings of such election officials, to the correctness of such count, and,
1808 for the purposes of this section only, such claimed violations, and shall
1809 operate to correct the returns of the moderators or presiding officers,
1810 so as to conform to such finding or decision, unless the same is
1811 appealed from as provided in section 9-325.

1812 Sec. 36. (NEW) (a) Not later than May 15, 2006, and annually
1813 thereafter, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a
1814 report on the status of the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous
1815 calendar year. Such report shall include the amount of moneys
1816 deposited in the fund, the sources of moneys received by category, the
1817 number of contributions, the number of contributors, the amount of
1818 moneys expended by category, the recipients of moneys distributed
1819 from the fund and an accounting of the costs incurred by the
1820 commission in administering the provisions of sections 1 to 4,
1821 inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act. Not later than
1822 May 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue
1823 Services shall submit to the commission the information in the
1824 possession of the commissioner which the commission needs to
1825 complete such report.

1826 (b) Not later than June 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the joint
1827 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1828 matters relating to elections shall submit a report to the General
1829 Assembly on the implementation of the provisions of this act. The
1830 report shall include (1) a summary of the report on the status of the
1831 fund submitted to the committee under subsection (a) of this section,
1832 and (2) any recommendations for amending the provisions of this act,
1833 including, but not limited to, extending the provisions of sections 1 to
1834 4, inclusive, 6 to 22, inclusive, and 36 and 37 of this act to other elected
1835 offices. The report submitted not later than June 1, 2007, and every four
1836 years thereafter, shall also include a review of the implementation of
1837 the provisions of this act with regard to the election held during the

1838 preceding calendar year for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant
1839 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer and
1840 Secretary of the State.

1841 Sec. 37. (NEW) If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that
1842 any provision of this act is unconstitutional, such action shall not affect
1843 the implementation of all remaining provisions of this act.

1844 Sec. 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, and sections 3 and 4
1845 shall be applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1,
1846 2000, and this act shall apply to convention, primary and general
1847 election campaigns for elections to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant
1848 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
1849 and State Treasurer in 2006, and thereafter.

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 14 Nay 8 JFS

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 23 Nay 15 JF C/R APP